

[1961-June 12]

WATER'S COMMISSION ON GROUP RELATIONS

Rm. 214-City Hall

Newark, N. J.

AGENDA

September 21st. Meeting

1. REPORTS

- a. Dan's new assignment
- b. Rivers and (Irish) cases
- c. Workshop and Youth Institute report
- d. N.A.A.C.P. Education Committee
- e. Unsubsidized Housing trouble

2. Fair Housing Ordinance

3. Meeting with the City Council

4. Plans for the coming year

- a. Schools question
- b. Urban Renewal
- c. Police-Community Relations
- d. Fair Housing Ordinance

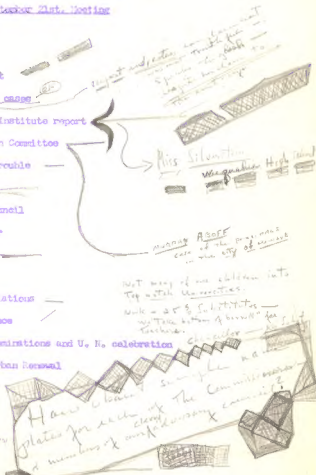
5. Brotherhood for Newark nominations and U. N. celebration

6. Citizen's Committee on Urban Renewal

Statistics

1. Substitutes
2. Fair Housing -
3. Double Sessions of Vice Principals

- 5 Standards -
Junk, smoke
1 1/2 to 3 ft
behind wall away
6. Social Promotion



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

At approximately 12:05 A.M. on the morning of June 18, 1961, I was at home when I heard a number of sirens which stopped close by. I took my camera and went around the corner to where I saw some police cars and a police wagon in front of Little Kate's Tavern on Elisabeth Avenue. There were many people standing around, but after about five minutes I saw three of four policemen hustling a man towards the police wagon, at which time I took a picture. I took two pictures of this type and one picture of policemen beating on a man with their night sticks. As I stood with my camera ready for another possible picture, I heard a police officer give an order to grab the man taking pictures. About four policemen approached me and one grabbed me as another hit me on the left shoulder with what felt like a night stick. As the policemen were mauling me, I heard one of them say "Who authorized you to take pictures of police action?" and not giving me a chance to reply, he took my camera from me. They actually threw me into the police wagon where I was kept from landing on the floor when I hit into one of the men who was leaning across the center of the wagon holding his head which had a bad gash on it. I was taken to the Fifth Precinct and charged with interfering with police action and resisting arrest. When I was released on bail about three hours later and given back my camera, I noticed that it had been tampered with, and I mentioned this to the police officers. The policemen said that they opened the camera to get the name of it, but there is a name on the case and on the body of the camera. I took the film to the Newark News to be developed, and found that they had been ruined by exposure to light.

Photography is a hobby of mine, and my purpose of taking the pictures was to sell them to the newspaper for their general news interest value as I had done in the past to the Newark News and the Newark Star-Ledger.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of September 1961, in the City of Newark, County of ESSEX, and the State of NEW JERSEY.

NOTARY PUBLIC OF N.J.
My Commission expires Jan. 1966